

THOSE OTHER GODS - *and how overcome*

Isa. 44:12-17.

Text 44:17

*2 Sermon*

The Prophet Isaiah was hard on Idol worship. In this discourse you will observe his irony. God is saying through him, "I am the first and I am the last..and beside me there is no God." Even in our day this is a hard lesson for us to learn.

*44:12-17*

At this particular period we see the heart craving for an omnipresent God. There was one for stream, rain, wind, etc. They would make images to represent their god. And the thing about it that seemed so modern was that they made their gods out of the odds and ends.

- a. The black smith took his tongs and would gather scraps together for his god.
- b. The carpenter would go out and measure the tree with line ruler, etc. and make a god like a man.

With part of the tree he would cook roast, with part build a fire and warm himself, and with the residue he would make a god and fall down and worship it. I am satisfied now after eating and warming myself so I will now make me a god out of the left overs...that is so modern....

The type of worship you engage in pictures the type of god you serve. What kind of a god do we help our children to form I heard a preacher say the other day that he had a daughter in college...she spends one week end at Tupelo, next in Greenwood etc. Church is left out. Recreation is coming to mean...Wreck...Creation.

We stand firmly for our children going to school from 30 forty hours per week but if they are in church school 45 minutes and the league 45 minutes it is too hard on them to go to church services. One preachers experience was that the only time he could get his leaguers together was when they were to plan a weinie roast...one preacher expressed it thus..."If you were to form a god out of what is uppermost in the adult's mind today he would look like a Sunday paper or fishing pole, and if you formed a god out what is uppermost in some young peoples minds you would have a god resembling a hot dog....may that not be the case...

*Bea, L. T. - No. 1 - Not a dog*

" Formerly I was the stump of a fig tree..a useless log.  
When the carpenter after hesitating whether to make me  
a god or a stool

At last determined to make me a god..thms I became a god."

At Durant...pastor asked to drink coca cola...refused..  
Man said he drank two per day and smoked three cigars...  
\$91.25 per year.....church nothing in three years...

Some make governments or kings their god..."In the year  
King Uzziah died I saw the Lord....apply

